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Russian Federation: draft resolution

Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/115 of 16 December 1992,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ and the International Covenants on Human Rights, 2/

Taking into account the provisions of the Declaration on the Human Rights of Individuals Who are not Nationals of the Country in which They Live, 3/

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms for all and to fulfil the obligations they have undertaken under the various international instruments in this field,

Being convinced that respect for human rights is an inalienable component of maintaining and promoting good-neighbourly relations between States,

Taking into account the reported violations of human rights and discriminatory practices with respect to the Russian-speaking population in Estonia and Latvia,

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ Resolution 40/144, annex.

Taking note of the statement of the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights of 10 March 1993 with respect to the situation in Estonia and Latvia,

Taking into consideration the findings and recommendations by various international fact-finding missions sent by the United Nations, regional intergovernmental organs and non-governmental organizations to Estonia and Latvia,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 4/

2. Notes with concern the persistence of serious problems which involve large groups of population in Estonia and Latvia;

3. Welcomes the emerging dialogue between different communities in Estonia and Latvia aimed at confidence-building among the people living in these countries;

4. Welcomes also the cooperation that the Governments of Estonia and Latvia have extended to various international fact-finding missions;

5. Calls upon the Governments of Estonia and Latvia to implement fully the recommendations of impartial international experts made on the basis of findings of various international fact-finding missions to these countries;

6. Invites all States and parties concerned to continue their efforts to search for acceptable solutions to the existing problems and in conformity with principles of justice and international law in the field of human rights;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to keep Member States informed of the progress in the field of human rights in Estonia and Latvia and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session under the item entitled "Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia".

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